



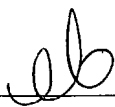
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 40-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 40-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, filed on July 31, 2003, has been made of record and entered. In this amendment, claims 10-39 have been canceled, and new claims 40-45 have been added.

Claims 1-9 and 40-45 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-9 and 40-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Savadogo et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,298,343).

Savadogo et al. teach electrocatalysts suitable for use at the cathode for electrochemical and fuel cells. The electrocatalysts comprise a metallic component (selected from the group consisting of palladium, platinum, ruthenium, rhodium, iridium, and osmium) dispersed on a suitable conductive carrier (e.g., carbon), and a chemical component (selected from the group consisting of tungstic acid, molybdic acid, ammonium tungstate, ammonium molybdate, sodium tungstate, and sodium molybdate). The metallic component is dispersed on the conductive carrier, and the chemical component is admixed therewith. See col. 3, lines 17-36 and lines 42-63 of Savadogo et al., as well as col. 3, line 65 to col. 4, line 38.

Note that some of the chemical components disclosed in Savadogo et al. are those recited in Applicants' claims 40-45.

The chemical component is present in the electrocatalysts in amounts varying from 0.1% to 90% depending on the percentage desired for the final catalysts. See col. 6, line 12-55 of Savadogo et al., especially lines 12-16, lines 29-33, and lines 44-51.

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The claim limitations regarding the characteristics of Applicants' "tungsten-containing catalyst" (e.g., claims 1-7) are considered inherently taught by Savadogo et al., given that this reference teaches "chemical components" that read upon the instant claims, as well as a conductive carrier that reads on the claimed "carbon support".

Conclusion


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Hailey whose telephone number is (571) 272-1369. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Bell can be reached on (571) 272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 1700 Receptionist, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.

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